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MODEL GUIDELINES TO INCREASE FOREST COVER
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the resources mobilized and spent so far to increase the forest cover;

(b) whether Indian Institute of Forest Management, Bhopal was assigned the task to formulate model guidelines for the increase of forest cover;

(c) if so, the details in this regard; and

(d) the details of achievements made so far in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) The major scheme being implemented by the Ministry of Environment and Forests for improving and increasing the forest cover is the National Afforestation Programme (NAP) Scheme. The allocation for the NAP Scheme during the Tenth Five Year Plan was Rs.1205 crores. During this Plan period a total of 1176.29 crores were released to the Forest Development Agencies (FDAs) under the Scheme, including for maintenance of plantations raised during the Ninth Five Year Plan period.

(b),(c) and (d) No, Sir. However, the Indian Institute of Forest Management, Bhopal has prepared a draft document for Multi Stakeholder Partnership (MSP) framework, which has been mooted as one of the instruments for increasing forest and tree cover in the country. The MSP framework envisages a tripartite arrangement between the land owing agency, the local village community and the sponsor who may be a company, firm, user group, trust, society or organization in public or private sector.